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& WILSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-  
FORD & Co.

## SHARES.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, 1,300,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—HOB. W. KESWICK.  
E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINERS,  
H. L. DALEY, Esq. Esq.  
H. HOFFMANN, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
A. McIVER, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

#### MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County  
Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

Fixed Deposits:—  
1 month, 3 per cent. per annum.  
6 months, 4 per cent. " "  
12 months, 5 per cent. " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5 per cent. Annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " " "  
" 12 " " 3 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which  
can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. OROMBIE,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS- TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,500,000.

#### BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

#### THE

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong  
grants Drafts on London and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe and the  
East; buys and receives for collection Bills  
of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of  
Banking and Exchange business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE- POSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balance.

##### ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

## Entertainment.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL  
SOCIETY,  
WILL PERFORM  
TRIAL BY JURY,  
by  
ARTHUR SULLIVAN,  
AND  
DIBDIN'S BALLAD OPERA,  
THE WATERMAN,  
at the  
CITY HALL THEATRE,  
To-morrow Evening,  
the 22nd Instant, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained and Places se-  
cured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s,  
on and after Thursday, the 17th, at Noon.  
W. WHELEER,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap23

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AU-  
CTION, on a day to be  
hereafter named, unless previously dis-  
posed of by private contract, —

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,  
Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now  
in Complete Working Order, and Cap-  
able of Distilling upwards of 2,000  
Gallons daily. The Property is of a most  
valuable nature, comprising THREE  
PIECES OF GROUND close to the  
water, viz., Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781  
and 782, with the Substantially Built  
DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PRE-  
MISES, erected specially for the purpose  
only a few years since, together with the  
MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS,  
STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIT-  
TINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to  
Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and  
JOHNSON,  
Solicitors, Supreme Court House,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

### FOR SALE.

#### FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL  
FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS,  
VOGEL & Co.,  
Sole Agents for China.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1879. my10

### FOR SALE.

COKE.....\$7.50 per ton.

COAL TAR.....5 cents per gallon.

Delivery to be taken at the Gas Works,  
West Point.  
Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap30

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will  
in future be conducted under the  
Firm of SHARP AND DANBY.

SHARP & Co.,  
Estate Agents and Valuers.  
WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,  
Architect and Surveyor.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by  
Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1879. ap24

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI  
during the Summer Months, leaving  
Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and  
returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

### ROMARIA A SAOCHOAN.

PROJECTA-SE fazer uma romaria á  
sepultura do grande Apostolo das  
Indias, S. Francisco Xavier, sabendo d'aqui  
as 8 horas da tarde de Sábado, 8 de Maio  
p. v., (18 de lus) e de Sanchan no Do-  
mingo a hora mais conveniente. Das  
quatro romarias que se fizeram n'este se-  
culo, em Dezembro de 1603, Agosto de  
1827, Dezembro de 1869, e 8 de Maio de  
1874, esta ultima foi a mais bem succedida  
em consequencia da falta de ventos impe-  
tuosos n'este mez em que a romaria de  
Norte-este cessou de todo.

O preço de bilhetes incluindo comida  
será \$5 por cada romeiro.

J. J. DA SILVA e SOUZA,  
Secretario.

Hongkong, Dia de Annunciação, 1879. m3

## Intimations.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes.  
CHERRY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS.  
ELLWOOD'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS.  
FRENCH LIGHT SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.

ELECTRO-PLATED ICE PAILS, ICE TONGS, ICE SHOVELS, ICE PITCHERS.  
The New ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS for Kerosene, perfectly safe.  
ELECTRO-PLATED CIGAR LAMPS, LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.  
POCKET SIPHONIAS and WATERPROOF COATS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS, PERFUMERY and TOILET SOAPS.  
INDIA RUBBER AIR BEDS, CUSHIONS and PILLOWS.  
The New CHIT BOOKS. MAPS OF AFGHANISTAN.  
CAFETIERES, COCOA-NUT MATTING & MATS.  
New SCARVES, BRACES and COLLARS.

The PATENT LIFE JACKETS and SWIMMING BELTS.  
MEERSCHAUM and BRASS PIPES. DE LA RUE'S and AMERICAN  
PLAYING CARDS.  
The Celebrated HUNYADI JANOS MINERAL WATER.  
SPRATT'S FIBRINE DOG BISCUITS. MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

MAPS OF CHINA.  
A Large COLLECTION OF WORKS  
OF REFERENCE.  
FAMILY SALES.  
OVERLAND TRUNKS.

CLARETS, SAUTERNES and OTHER LIGHT SUMMER WINES.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant  
to the provisions of the Articles of  
the Association of the Company, and of the  
Companies' Ordinance 1866, an EXTRA-  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of  
Shareholders will be held at the Company's  
Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, the  
6th day of May next, for the purpose of  
passing a special Resolution making certain  
alterations in the Articles of Association of  
the Company to the following effect, viz:—

1. That the General Managers, with the  
sanction of the Consulting Committee, in  
any years that the accounts of the Com-  
pany shall render it desirable, may pay  
losses wholly or in part out of the excess  
of the Reserve Fund over and above  
\$250,000, in order that contributing and  
other Shareholders may not unnecessarily  
be deprived of Bonus and Dividend; such  
changes to take effect from the 1st January,  
1878.

2. That the annual bonus payable to  
contributing Shareholders and the annual  
contribution to the reserve fund be left to  
the discretion of the General Managers and  
Consulting Committee, and that the sum to  
be annually appropriated to dividend be  
subject to the approval of the Company in  
Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby also given that a  
Second Extraordinary General Meeting  
of Shareholders will be held, at the same  
hour and place, on TUESDAY, the 20th  
day of May next, for the purpose of con-  
firming such special Resolution as afore-  
said.

Dated the 12th day of April, 1879.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

AN EIGHTH RETURN of CAPITAL  
at the Rate of TWO TAELS per  
SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of  
Record on the 8th April, Payable at  
the Office of the Liquidators, on WED-  
NESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the  
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their  
lawful representatives, on presentation of  
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 9th  
April, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, April 1, 1879. my7

### HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at  
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS  
GODOWNS, under European supervision;  
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the  
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick  
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my20

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,  
DR. EASTLAKE will receive his  
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,  
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the  
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

### SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Seatholders of St. JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL CHURCH, will be Held at the  
Vestry on THURSDAY, the 24th day of  
April instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose  
of electing Two Trustees for the ensuing  
year, and for passing the accounts of the  
Treasurer, under the Provisions of Clauses  
4 and 16 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847.

Applications for Seats may be made to  
the Undersigned.

EDMUND SHARP,  
Trustee and Treasurer to the  
Body of Trustees.

Hongkong, April 15, 1879. ap24

LOST, on the Morning of the 15th  
Inst., a Black and Tan TERRIER  
PUP, has white spot on breast; answers  
to the name of "FUNCH".

A Reward will be given to anyone who  
may return it to Messrs J. Inglis & Co.,  
Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879. ap23

### Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.  
No. 4—Vol. VII.  
—OF THE—  
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—  
Jottings from the Book of Rites.  
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-  
ming.

The Ballads of the Shih-king.  
Translations of Chinese School-books.  
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.  
Alchemy in China.

Appendix to Wylie's "Coins of the Ta-  
Ch'ing Dynasty" "Hien-Fung" Period.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—  
A Few Petty Additions to Dr Douglas'  
Dictionary.

Trouts in China.  
Ancient Vases.  
Inheritance.

Greeting the Spring.  
Adoption.  
The Term Kral.

Mongol and Yuan-pao.  
Leasehold Ungo.  
Chinese Coins.

Coronation of the King of Leoochoo.  
The Outing Alphabet.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tat Po),  
CREATED from the 1st August, 1877.

CHON AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr. Leong Yook Chai,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG OHM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr. WILLIAM SALWAY in our  
Firm CEASED on the 1st Instant. Mr. W.  
WILSON will Sign the Firm in Liquidation.

WILSON & SALWAY,  
Architects, &c.

WITH Reference to the above, I have  
admitted Mr. SOMERBY GOD-  
FREY BIRD as a Partner; the Business  
will henceforward be continued under the  
Name of "WILSON & BIRD."

W. WILSON.

Hongkong, April 7, 1879. my7

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on  
the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is  
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

### NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly  
Manager of the FOOCHOW DOCKS,  
has this Day been admitted a Partner in  
our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co.,  
Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. jjs

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through  
rates for HANOI.)

The Steamship  
"ATLANTA,"  
Capt. CHAPMAN, will load here  
TUESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 1 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, April 18, 1879. ap22

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark  
"FENOBSCOTT,"  
Capt. CHAPMAN, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap20

### FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark  
"THOS. FLETCHER,"  
Capt. FENDELTON, will load  
here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1879. ap20

### FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Ship  
"REPUBLIC,"  
Capt. HOLMES, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. myl

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship  
"ONEIDA,"  
Capt. CYMA, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship  
"HAZE,"  
Evans, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

### FOR MANILA.

The A 1 Italian Bark  
"EMILIO V,"  
Mantato, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship  
"EDITH,"  
Manson, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1879.

### FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship  
"PRIMA DONNA,"  
Lunt, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 23, 1879.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship  
"CHAMBER,"  
Captain Lucas, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

### FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Schooner  
"FORMOSA,"  
Burgwardt, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship  
"GOLDEN RULE,"  
Lewins, Master.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26,



## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.**  
The Steamship  
"NAMO,"  
Capt. WESTON, will be de-  
parted for the above Ports  
on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at  
Daylight, instead of as previously adver-  
tised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap23

**FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.**  
The Steamship  
"ALBA,"  
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-  
parted for the above Ports  
on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap23

**FOR HANKOW.**  
(Calling at SHANGHAI if sufficient induc-  
ment offers.)

The Steamship  
"LOUPOUN CASTLE,"  
will be despatched for the  
above Port on THURSDAY,  
the 24th instant, at Noon, instead of as  
previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap24

**FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)**  
The Steamship  
"CRUSADER,"  
Rowin, Master, will be de-  
parted for the above Port on FRI-  
DAY Next, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap20

**OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.  
COMPANY.**  
NOTICE.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo per Steamship  
"OCEANIC," from San Francisco, &c.,  
are hereby requested to send in their Bills  
of Lading for countersignature here, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer  
will be landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap28

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,**  
versus MAHENDU GOUD KESSEY, sued  
for and on behalf of all the Partners,  
comprising the Firm of NURSEY KESSEY  
& Co.—Suit No. 8, Original  
Jurisdiction.

By ORDER of CHARLES F. A. SAUSSEY,  
Esq., Sheriff, under direction from the  
Registrar of the Supreme Court, by  
virtue of an Execution in the Supreme  
Court in the above-named Suit.

**THE Undersigned will sell by Public  
Auction, on**  
**SATURDAY,**  
the 26th April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the  
residence of Messrs NURSEY  
KESSEY & Co.,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD  
AND OFFICE FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising—Office Desks, Tables,  
Chairs, Copying Press, Shelves, and  
Scales.  
Dining Table, Side-board, Crockery  
and Glassware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes,  
Chest of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet  
Tables, Mirrors, Pictures,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap26

## NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.**

**STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,**

**ADEN, SUER, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;**

**ALSO,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.**

ON TUESDAY, the 26th April, 1879,  
at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
"PEIHO," Commandant PASQUALINI, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Speeds will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ex-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Speeds and Parcels until 8 p.m.  
on the 26th April, 1879. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are to-  
be declared.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. ap29

## To-day's Advertisements.

**HONGKONG ARTILLERY  
VOLUNTEERS.**

ORDERLY ROOM, 19th April, 1879.  
It is notified that the DRILLS at present  
in course will be altered until further  
Orders to TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS,  
and not, as heretofore, viz., TUESDAYS  
and THURSDAYS.

A. COXON,  
Captain-Commandant H. K. A. F.

## PHOTOGRAPHY.

**C. POPPELBAUM**  
begs to announce to the Community  
of Hongkong that he has taken over the  
BUSINESS of Mr. H. SCHUBERT—well-  
known in Hongkong—and is prepared to  
take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m.  
till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed  
by Mr. SCHUBERT, and had long experience in  
some of the most celebrated Studios in  
Europe, he will take any Work in  
PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee  
satisfaction to all who favour him with  
their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to  
life-size and finished in Artistic Style.  
Any Pictures not meeting with the approval  
of Patrons will not be charged for.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,**  
Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

**G. FALCONER & Co.,**  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS.

**NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.**  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt.  
A. H. Kroncke.—Wiesler & Co.  
GOLDEN FLEEC, British barque, Capt.  
James Wiltshire.—Gillman & Co.  
ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Olyma.  
—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C.  
Jensen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt.  
R. H. Cary.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
FLEEVES CASTLE, British steamer, Capt.  
Kidd.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
ALEXIA, British barque, Captain George  
Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
PABALOS, French barque, Captain T.  
Pasco.—Carlowitz & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

April 20, Rosbud, British barque, 341,  
J. Collier, Fremantle February 20, Sandal-  
wood.—ORDER.  
April 20, Rosbud, German barque, 1008,  
C. H. Albers, Cardiff Nov. 29, Coal.—  
MESSAGERS MARITIMES.  
April 20, Alexa, British barque, 424,  
George Robb, Newcastle (N.S.W.) March  
1, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
April 20, Taila, German barque, 256,  
C. Stehr, Bangkok March 12, Rice.—  
EDUARD SCHILLHASS & Co.  
April 20, Parais, French barque, 342,  
T. Pasco, Newchwang April 8, General.—  
CARLOWITZ & Co.  
April 20, Anna, German 3-m. schooner,  
345, A. H. Müller, Bangkok March 25,  
Rice.—MELCHES & Co.  
April 20, Crusader, British steamer, 647,  
Rowin, Saigon April 15, Rice.—ARNHOLD,  
KARBERG & Co.  
April 20, Gualior, British steamer, 1719,  
J. C. Babot, Bombay April 1, Galle, 6,  
Penang, 11, and Singapore 14, Mails and  
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
April 20, Chinkiang, British steamer, 798,  
Orr, Shanghai April 16, and Swatow 19,  
General.—SIMPSON & Co.  
April 21, Oceania, British steamer, 3707,  
Metcalfe, San Francisco March 22, and  
Yokohama April 15, 8 a.m., General.—  
O. & O. S. N. Co.  
April 21, Yunging, British steamer, 789,  
Schultz, Shanghai April 17, General.—  
SIMPSON & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Apr. 20, Esmeralda, for Amoy.  
20, Chinkiang, for Canton.  
21, Formosa, for Hamburg.  
21, Jacobine, for Chetoo.  
21, H. M. S. Iron Duke, for the North.  
21, China, for Yokohama.  
21, Yangtze, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

Emu, for Amoy.  
Charmer, for San Francisco.  
Atalanta, for Hoihow.  
Flintshire, for Saigon.  
Penobscot, for San Francisco.  
Sa pedon, for Singapore, &c.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Gualior, for Hongkong: from South-  
ampton, Surgeon-Major H. Ringerford;  
Messrs C. E. Stewart, R. S. W. Wright,  
A. N. B. H. H. Crocker, and Tilly, and  
Commanders T. E. Smith, from Venice;  
Messrs Oliver, F. H. Thomas, and J.  
Jones; from Brindisi, Messrs G. M. Myers,  
B. Thomson, and F. Hunter; from Aouana,  
Rava, Anzer, and F. Frimademetz; from  
Bombay, Messrs E. Hardcastle and native  
male servant, A. Hutches, O. Lowell, O.  
Wilson, E. C. Pallas, and native male  
servant, S. O. Khan, K. M. Tata, F. O.  
Tappies, and native male servant, and F.  
O. Lungana; from Penang, 83 Chinese;  
from Singapore, 55 Chinese, and Nava  
Ivadia, Edward Hoskins and Henry  
Stuart.—For Shanghai: from Southamp-  
ton, Mr. Letchford; from Venice, Mr. and  
Mrs. Major, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, and Mr. R.  
Anderson; from Brindisi, Messrs Bourke,  
Hole, and A. R. Dent; from Suva, Rev.  
Zeonoe Mettner, and Mr. A. Esay; from  
Bombay, Mr. H. Moly.—For Yokohama;  
from Southampton, Mr. A. Davis.

## PASSENGERS.

Per Oceania, from San Francisco, &c., Mrs.  
John Metcalfe, Mrs. Boyd and child, Mrs.  
Chloe Adams, Mr. S. H. Wheeler, and 191  
Chinese.  
Per Chinkiang, from Shanghai, &c., 20  
Chinese.  
Per Fuyuen, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.  
Per Annie, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per China, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs.  
Wardlaw, and 16 Chinese; from South-  
ampton, Mr. A. Davis.

## TO DEPART.

Per Khiao, from Hongkong: for South-  
ampton, Commanders G. W. Watson, The  
Hon. C. May, Mrs. Linstead and native  
female servant, Mr. and Mrs. Deane, 3  
children and 1 European maid, Messrs  
Edward Robinson, Rhodes, O. A. Walms-  
ley, Bennet Sohye, Henry Bassall, S.  
Sprague, M. McCourt, J. Scott, J.  
Middlewick, W. Russell, J. Hookaday,  
and A. G. Roberts; for Gibraltar, Mr.  
Ayris; for Singapore, Miss Douglas.  
—From Yokohama: for Venice, Mr. J.  
Hartley and servant; for Southampton, Mr.  
Borger.—From Shanghai: for London, Mr.  
G. Gneves; for Southampton, Mr. Holli-  
day, Mr. A. Hutcheson, Master Edmund,  
Capt. and Mrs. McQueen, 2 infants and 2  
native servants, Mrs. Bushell, infant and  
European female servant; for Brindisi, Mr.  
Walter; for Calcutta, Messrs M. Forrest  
and Campbell; for Gibraltar, Mr. and Mrs.  
Hughes; for Bombay, Mr. Wade Gardner.  
Per Emu, for Amoy, 110 Chinese.  
Per Sa pedon, for Straits, 840 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Crusader reports:  
First two days from N.N.E. gales and  
heavy sea, then fine weather until Saturday  
when had thick fogs. In Saigon: steamers  
Athol, Adria, Benlog, Charon, and  
Glenorchy.  
The British steamer Oceania reports:  
Left Yokohama April 15th at 8 a.m., had  
light variable winds and fine weather until  
100 N.E. of Turnabout, from there to  
Ookseu rainy and foggy weather, Ookseu  
to port moderate to strong N.E. wind  
and cloudy sky weather. April 17th off  
Ingersoll Rock passed British steamer  
B.L.T.H. bound E.N.E.

## CARGO.

For S. S. Khiva, for London, 1049 boxes  
Tea, 21 boxes Silk Piece Goods, 258 boxes  
Silk, 4 boxes Waste Silk, and 872 pkcs.  
Sundries. For Continent, 87 boxes Silk,  
and 45 pkcs. Sundries. For New York,  
38 boxes Silk, and 12 pkcs. Sundries.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—  
Per Gualior, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow,  
the 22nd inst.  
For SAIGON.—  
Per Crusader, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday,  
the 22nd inst.  
For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—  
Per Namoo, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
22nd inst., instead of as previously  
notified.  
For HAIPHONG (Dir. of).—  
Per Waihi, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
22nd inst.  
For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—  
Per Albat, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednes-  
day, the 23rd inst.  
For SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.—  
Per Loupoun Castle, at 11.30 a.m., on  
Thursday, the 24th inst.  
For BANGKOK.—  
Per Rajamattinwaha, at 8.30 p.m., on  
Friday, 25th inst.

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet Khiva, will  
be despatched on TUESDAY,  
the 22nd instant, with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;  
to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,  
Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,  
Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,  
nor for Mauritius.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Peiho will  
be despatched on TUESDAY, the  
23rd instant, with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,  
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bom-  
bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Oceania will  
be despatched on SATURDAY, the  
27th May, with Mails for Japan, San  
Francisco, and the United States,  
which will be closed as follows:—  
2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters  
(except for Non-Union Countries) may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage  
until the time of departure.  
Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies  
(except the Bahamas and Hayti),  
Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay  
can no longer be sent by this route.  
Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my8

## HOURS OF CLOSING

## THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by both the British and  
French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—  
8 a.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post  
Office closes except the Night Box,  
which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—  
7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters closes.  
Posting of all printed matter and  
patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with  
Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted  
on board the packet with Late Fee of  
18 cents until time of departure.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

**Shipping.**  
7 a.m.—Atalanta leaves for Hoihow, &c.  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

**Amusement.**  
9 p.m.—Choral Society at the City Hall.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 23:—  
Daylight.—Namoo leaves for Coast Ports.  
Noon.—Albat leaves for Amoy, &c.

THURSDAY, April 24:—  
Noon.—Loupoun Castle leaves for Han-  
kow.

Goods per Sindh undelivered after  
Noon, subject to rent and landing  
charges.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Seatholders of  
St. John's Cathedral Church at the  
Vestry.

FRIDAY, April 25:—  
Crusader leaves for Manila.

SATURDAY, April 26:—  
2 p.m.—Sale of Household and Office  
Furniture, &c., at Messrs Nursey Kes-  
sew & Co.

TUESDAY, April 29:—  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, May 3:—  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

TUESDAY, May 6:—  
3 p.m.—Extraordinary Meeting of the  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

TUESDAY, May 20:—  
3 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Hong-  
kong Fire Insurance Company.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

## BIRTHS.

On the 9th March, at Lauder-road, Ed-  
inburgh, Mrs. John Fairbairn, of Hong  
Kong, of a daughter.

On the 7th March, at The Beeches,  
Barlow Moor-road, Didbury, near Man-  
chester, the Wife of Alexander Molyer,  
Hong Kong, of a daughter.

DEATH.  
On the 10th Jan., at Dunedin, New  
Zealand, of cerebral congestion, Edward  
Martin Baker, formerly of Hong Kong,  
aged 41.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 8.20 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1879.

Not only the community of Hongkong,  
both foreign and native, but many of  
his friends far and wide, will be glad  
to hear of the honour about to be conferred  
upon Mr. F. Stewart, head master of the  
Government Central School here. He  
had already gained the higher honour  
of being regarded as an earnest, efficient  
and highly conscientious public servant  
for many years past; and now his Uni-  
versity has decided to rank him among  
those of its graduates who have reflected  
credit upon the College. It has been  
resolved to confer the degree of Doctor  
of Laws upon Mr. Stewart; and the  
resolution seems to have been arrived at  
about the time when a discussion was  
going on here about something quite  
different and much less satisfactory. Mr.  
Stewart graduated M. A. with first-class  
honours in intellectual and moral sciences  
at King's College, Aberdeen University,  
in 1859, just twenty years ago. Now  
that the University of Aberdeen has  
shown such a good example to H. E. the  
Governor, Mr. Hennessey could not do  
better than go and do likewise, and  
place Dr. Stewart on the magisterial  
bench, with the honourable addition of  
Colonial Treasurer.

Our latest private advices from Peking  
extend to the 1st instant, at which time  
the preparations by officials, artists, and  
handicraftsmen for the Emperor's journey  
to the Tombs were the principal topic  
of interest there. This occurrence is  
hailed with joy by certain classes in the  
capital, on account of the enormous  
number of squabbles for which it furnishes  
the occasion. All roads over which the  
Imperial procession passes have been le-  
velled, and for some time no conveyances  
had been permitted to use them, to the  
small inconvenience of the public—a  
matter of not the slightest consequence  
to the Government and apparently about  
as little moment to the people. The  
Emperor was to leave on this interesting  
ceremony during the small hours of the  
morning of the 9th, accompanied by the  
two Empresses Regent; and the solemn  
journey is emphatically styled a hunt-  
ing expedition, the object of the visit  
being in reality to bury the deceased  
Emperor and his Empress, whose bodies  
have been kept till now in the Lung-  
Tuh-Sze temple near the Tombs. Most  
of the highest officials and a large num-

ber of the celebrated bannermen and  
soldiers will escort the Imperial party to  
the so-called "happy hunting-grounds,"  
as well as the Governor-General and his  
soldiers. H. E. Li Hung Chang, indeed,  
had been in Peking several days, for the  
purpose of superintending the prepara-  
tions and seeing that the Imperial paths  
had been made straight. During the  
Emperor's nine-days' absence the Prince  
of Tsin, the eldest uncle of the Emperor,  
with other high officials, had been de-  
puted to guard the palace. By an edict  
just published, the land-taxes for the  
year upon the districts traversed by the  
Imperial procession have been remitted;  
and this is probably the sole advantage  
to the people of the immense display now  
in progress. The roads along the route  
will be fenced in as of old, as the  
Chinese have not as yet imitated the Ja-  
panese in such matters; and the popula-  
tion have been ordered to keep indoors,  
so that their plebeian eyes may not be  
cast upon the Imperial Son of Heaven—  
the fact being that the darkness of the  
hour when the progress is made will  
doubtless effectually secure the sacred  
presence from the vulgar gaze. It ap-  
pears that the inscriptions for the sacri-  
ficial tablets to be placed in the temple  
have been written by the hands of Li  
Hung Chang and another high official.

Regarding these Imperial Tombs, it  
may be interesting to note that the  
repairs of the Grand Tablet Pavilion,  
which formed only part of the Mausole-  
um of the Emperor Shun-che (the first  
of the Manchu Sovereigns of China, A. D.  
1644-61), were estimated to cost over  
Tls. 400,000. An edict issued in 1877  
showed that these extensive alterations  
would "necessitate the employment of  
sixteen-wheel heavy trucks"; and the  
building is described as "the most glo-  
rious, as it is also the earliest, work of  
the Eastern Mausolea." In a subsequent  
edict the Imperial Superintendent of the  
Eastern Mausolea reports an official in-  
spection he had made of these monu-  
ments of Imperial mortality, in which  
he states that he had "carefully exami-  
ned the lists of the gold and silver vessels,  
the ornaments, altar furniture, hangings,  
&c., appertaining to each of the Mau-  
solea, and found all to be in order." This  
official report adds that the oxen and  
sheep kept in the enclosures for sacri-  
ficial purposes, the monies and grain  
deposited in the Treasury, Pawnshop  
and Granary of Everlasting Supply, and  
the other materials stored at the Stone  
Gateway by the Board of Works, were  
all in agreement with the stamped  
vouchers. Much greater care would ap-  
pear to be bestowed upon these resting-  
places of the Imperial dynasty than upon  
the more utilitarian departments of the  
Public Works. The report thus con-  
cludes with a reference to the scene of  
the present ceremony:—"The guard  
duty incumbent upon the soldiery of the  
Eight Banners and of the detachments  
of troops of the regular Chinese army, in  
patrolling the neighbourhood of the  
Mausolea, the Lung Fuh Sze temple, and  
the temporary resting place of their late  
Majesties' remains, is all duly performed;  
the trees planted for the regulation of  
the invisible influences (feng shui) are  
well grown and flourishing, and the  
neighbourhood is in a peaceful condi-  
tion." Towards the end of the same  
year a decree was issued bestowing ho-  
nours and rewards upon the officials who  
had distinguished themselves by their  
exertions in the superintendence of the  
construction of the Mausoleum of the  
Emperor lately deceased. The list ex-  
tended over thirty-three pages of the  
official Gazette, and a large number of  
non-commissioned officers and men of the  
Banner forces in Peking were included  
in the distribution of honours and pro-  
motions.

SPARKING of Mr. S. W. Stanley, whose  
name is well known in connection with  
matches between champion players in London,  
and Mr. F. Shorter, another eminent pro-  
fessional player, who are at present in  
Singapore and may be looked for here soon,  
our Straits contemporary says: "Both of  
them are gentlemanly, modest fellows who  
honestly, earnestly, and good humouredly  
buckle to their task, and their exhibitions  
deserve every support."

In their last tea circular Messrs. Shepard and  
Co. say: "Practical men who study the sub-  
ject are of opinion that with the existing  
depression in trade, and lessened spending  
powers of the public at large, 2s. and 2s. 6d.  
is likely to be the leading retail prices the  
next year or two, and merchants would do  
well to give heed to this current of opinion.  
We do not remember such a combination of  
circumstances as now exist in favour of the  
thorough revision of the prices paid to the  
Chinese for their teas, and we trust the  
opportunity may be availed of to work a  
much-needed reformation."

For the last week or ten days Mr. Creagh  
has had to perform, unaided, the duties of  
Magistrate and Coroner, necessitating his  
sitting till a late hour on more than one  
occasion. The number of offenders brought  
up of late has been small, but to-day there  
was a large catalogue of contraventions of  
the law to be dealt with; and as it was wholly  
impossible for any one to go through the  
whole of the cases without assistance, Mr.  
Stewart and Mr. Wodehouse assisted in  
the afternoon. In view of Mr. May going  
home soon, no time should be lost in filling  
up the vacancy thus created in the Magis-  
tracy, for although praise cannot be too  
liberally awarded to Mr. Creagh for his  
energy and zeal in the work, there is every  
reason that the Magistracy should be kept  
up. There is always enough work at the  
Courts and in Coroners' inquests, for two  
Magistrates.

We have been requested to state that sub-  
scription lists for a Public Ball to be given at  
the City Hall in honor of General Grant are  
lying at the Hongkong Club, the Club  
Germania, Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co.'s  
and Messrs. G. Falconer & Co.'s. From  
the representative nature of the Committee,  
and the energetic character of the members,  
we have every confidence that the move-  
ment will be carried to a successful issue,  
and that the whole of the arrangements will  
be in excellent hands. The Committee  
comprises the Hon. J. Russell, the Hon.  
J. M. Price, the Hon. P. Ryrie, the Hon.  
W. Kewick, and Messrs. Jacob Arnhold,  
H. M. Blanchard, D. R. Crawford, A. Coxon,  
D. A. J. Crombie, G. de Champeaux, W. H.  
Forbes, Framjee Arjanes, H. B. Gibb, D.  
Gillies, J. G. T. Hassell, H. Hopkins, J.  
Ingles, Thos. Jackson, A. P. McEwen, A.<



there will be nothing to steal, or resort to the modes of treating the criminal population which were found so effectual during the decade 1860 till 1878. If any person has got to suffer, then let the offenders against the law be punished, and let the order of the law be maintained, and let the order of the law be maintained.

With reference to a paragraph appearing in our columns some time ago as to a rumour current here with reference to the Hon. Cecil C. Smith, the *Straits Times* writes:—

Since it is well to correct false rumours in reference to our leading officials, which originate sometimes here and at other times in neighbouring colonies, as from the absence of contradiction an assumption of their truth may be formed, we may state that we have good reason to believe that, at the expiration of his leave, Sir William Robinson will return to this Colony as Governor, and, further, that there is no likelihood whatever of the Hon. Cecil C. Smith, our Colonial Secretary, being removed from Singapore, as was lately rumoured in Hongkong.

The *Echo*, describing the marriage of the Duke of Connaught, writes:—Amongst the *Corps Diplomatique* were the Chinese Ambassadors and his wife, dressed to say the least of it, in all the glory of the rainbow. The unfortunate banners here were quite thrown in the shade. The immense pigtail which the suite all wore brought forth loud exclamations from the ladies. The Ambassadors' wife was dressed in azure blue, with a flaming red undergarment, and, going round the shoulders and falling in front, of dark violet.

What little news there is from Upper Burma of a reliable character, does not, says the *Burmese Gazette* of the 1st inst., confirm the opinion expressed in our Monday's issue, that the beginning of the end is near. It is becoming tolerably certain that King Thein Paw means mischief. At the date of our latest advices, the royal mandate had gone forth summoning every man in the kingdom capable of bearing arms to the defence of the capital. These warriors bearing the title of *Ah-moo-dan* were also being assembled. These form a kind of irregular force, each member of which bears the distinctive mark of a dragon emblazoned on his person. The young King is incited to these warlike preparations as much by the sayings of *poungs* as by the advice of his more immediate associates. The former, the *Brahmins* of Burma, have been gladdening the ears of the young king with prophecies of the kind uttered by Zedekiah and his confederates to Alah the King of Israel.

HONGKONG seems undubitably to manage her postal affairs better than the Straits Settlements; especially in the matter of official courtesy and common sense in little matters. The following is from the *Straits Times*:

"We are requested," says the *China Mail* of the 2nd April, "to state that any one who has not received a copy of the new Table of Rates of Postage can be supplied with one on application at the Post Office." The courteous intimation of the Postmaster General in Hongkong is in somewhat striking contrast with the course adopted by the Post Office authorities here, which has been the subject of remark during the last day or two. A Post Office pen was sent round the Square with slips of paper on which was printed what purported to be the new rates of postage. There was no signature of any kind and nothing to show whether the slips were authorised or not, but the pen demanded for them the modest sum of ten cents each. Economy is a good thing, and to be able to show a good balance sheet at the end of the year is eminently desirable, but shabbiness in small matters such as this should be avoided by Officials.

The *Overland China Mail*, for to-morrow's English Mail (3 pp.), contains:—  
Editorial Articles.—Mr. Hennessy and the Freedom of the Port, Gambling and Corruption, Wanted—A New Code, or a New Edition of the Hongkong Ordinances, Last Year's Revenue and Expenditure, A Two Stranded Magisterial Decisions, The Rice Trade of Japan, Current Topics.

General Articles.—General Grant's Expected Visit to Hongkong, How Not to Be All Things to All Men, Our Expiring Season, Amateur Theatricals, Report of the C. D. O. Commission, Hongkong, Brutal Outrage in a Native Tea-House at Shanghai, The Wu-shih-shan Case, Further Outrages on Christians in a Chinese, The New Postal Contract, Police Intelligence, Supreme Court, Correspondence, Commercial Summary, Shipping Intelligence, Freight, Canton, Macao, Manila, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Miscellaneous.

This report of the North-China Insurance Company, submitted to the second ordinary meeting of the shareholders, held at Shanghai, on the 16th inst., containing the second half-yearly statement of accounts, shows a balance at the Company's credit on Dec. 31st of Tls. 760,657.55, besides the paid-up capital Tls. 600,000. The premium earned during the half-year, after deducting returns and re-insurances, amounted to Tls. 548,803.27, and the payments for losses and claims to Tls. 196,945.55, there being a surplus to carry forward from the working account of Tls. 314,287.84. The Directors, in view of the satisfactory result of the business for the past year, recommended the distribution of a portion of the profits in accordance with the terms of the deed of settlement, and proposed to appropriate the balance in hand on 31st Dec. in the following manner:—To permanent Reserve Fund, Tls. 100,000; Dividend of 10 per cent. on the net contributory premium for 1878, Tls. 70,000; Return to shareholders, 25 per cent. on the net contributory premium for 1878, Tls. 300,000; Set aside for future division amongst contributors, Tls. 60,000; leaving Tls. 335,657.55, against which further claims on 1878 underwriting account have already been paid amounting to Tls. 75,207.14, and other known losses may be estimated at Tls. 60,000. The Agencies at the undermentioned ports have become vacant, the Directors have appointed Messrs Wallace & Co. at Bombay, Messrs Finlay & Co. at Kurrachee, and Messrs Bullen, Bly & Co. at Hongkong, Agents of the Company. Mr. J. H. Bell and Mr. A. Macleod have joined the staff of Directors, Mr. C. L. Grant and Mr.

A. G. Wood having resigned owing to their temporary absence from Shanghai. The Directors now retire from Office, but they themselves for re-election. Mr. Peter Maclean and Augustus White are commended for re-election as auditors for the current year. The final balance sheet dated March 31 1879 is also given. Since the date of the previous Balance Sheet (30th June, 1878), sundry claims have been settled and sundry covered, the present Working-account showing payments in excess of receipts amounting to Tls. 18,596.84. The total profit realised by the Company is Tls. 1,572,418.48, from which is deducted the sum of Tls. 8413.48 as a payment to the Permanent Company for taking over the liabilities and liquidating outstanding accounts, leaving Tls. 1,564,000. This amount when divided in the proportion of one third to the shareholders generally, and two thirds to the contributing Shareholders, gives Tls. 523 per share—Tls. 623,000, and 20 per cent. on net contributory premium—Tls. 1,044,000. Final Dividends of Tls. 88 per share, and 14 per cent. to contributing Shareholders will be paid forthwith.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 14th, says:—The non-arrival of the *Alaska* is a source of some anxiety. The left San Francisco on the 6th March last, under the command of Captain Sabury, who made his first visit to Japan in charge of the *Granada*, the first screw steamer employed by the P. M. S. S. Co. on their Japan line. The U. S. corvette *Monongahela* will leave to-morrow on a cruise of discovery, as it is the opinion of the Company's agent, and also of many persons well qualified to judge, that the *Alaska*, having met with a continuance of head winds and unsettled weather, has exhausted all her supply of coal, or has been compelled, in view of such a contingency, to reduce the daily consumption to the lowest point, more with the object of keeping in the track of vessels passing to or from San Francisco from which assistance might be obtained, than of making Yokohama. The *Monongahela* will be absent for several days if she does not succeed in meeting with the *Alaska* at an earlier period. We understand that only five cabin passengers are on board, two being naval officers and none being known in this place. Unfortunately no passenger list has been received, and the San Francisco papers which announce the sailing of the vessel give no particulars under this head. Some years ago the *China* made a very long passage (over 40 days we believe) to San Francisco from this port. The cause of the detention was a serious accident to the machinery, and there is every reason to hope that nothing worse than this is the matter with the *Alaska*.

BOOKED FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI:—  
Per M. M. steamer *Travancore*, from March 23.—Mr. Mrs. and Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. and Mr. Charles Kahn, Mr. G. Glade, Mr. Young, Mr. Munro, for Hongkong. Dr. Brechtel, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart and family, Mr. John Little, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gorman, Mr. Fies, for Shanghai.

Per M. M. steamer *Tyre*, from March 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hertz, Mr. Brackenridge, for Shanghai.  
Per M. M. steamer *Yantai*, from March 23.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Stibel, for Hongkong.

Per P. & O. steamer *Kashgar*, from Southampton, March 20.—Mr. A. J. W. Carron, for Hongkong. Mr. Hearn, for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Decan*, from Southampton, April 3.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk, and two children, for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Travancore*, from Venice March 14th.—Mr. Oliver, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. F. W. Thomson to Hongkong. Mr. and Mrs. F. Major, Mr. and Mrs. Blair to Shanghai. From Brindisi, March 17th, Mr. L. Hunter, for Hongkong. Mr. Boukie, Mr. Hole, Mr. R. Anderson for Shanghai.

Per P. & O. steamer *Zambesi*, from Southampton, March 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and child, and Miss Thomson for Hongkong via Bombay.

Per steamer *Antenor* (Holt's line) from Liverpool, March 2.—Mrs. Isherwood for Hongkong.

Per steamer *Hankow*, from London, March 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Moore for Hongkong. Miss Emily Meade, Mr. George Warbury. Mr. O. Robson for Shanghai.

This Sonatus Academicus has just resolved, we learn by this mail, to confer on Mr. Frederick Stewart, Hongkong, the degree of LL.D. The *London and China Express* says:—

No graduates of the University better deserves the distinction. Mr. Stewart has long laboured most assiduously in the cause of education in Hong Kong, and his work has been crowned with every success. Again and again he has been offered more honourable and better paying posts in connection with the Colonial Government, but his thorough love for his work and his earnest desire to further the interests of education in Hong Kong have led him on every occasion to decline them. His task has always been a devoted one, a thankless one. For many years he has urged upon the Government the great necessity that exists for increased school accommodation, but hitherto without result. His work, however, has always had the warm commendation of the Colonial Governors till Mr. Pope Hennessy arrived. Scarcely, however, had that official landed in the colony, when with a haste which came with a very bad grace from one new to the locality and its affairs, he began to find fault with the results of the Central School in regard to the teaching of English. It is no secret that Mr. Pope Hennessy's religious prejudices in Hong Kong have long had a serious grudge against that institution; and that great endeavours have been made, by more than one reverend Father, both verbally and by pastoral, to dissuade the Portuguese community from sending their children there. The attitude taken by the Catholic priests in the colony and that assumed by Governor Hennessy may be a coincidence; if so it is an interesting one. At the recent examination Mr. Hennessy fell foul of the mathematical teaching of the school; and said the question he had put to the pupils and that subject had not been satisfactorily answered. This may have been so, but it would be interesting to know what the questions were, and how they were put, and until this is ascertained it were rash to condemn the teaching. Mr. Wilson has just had a pretty long experience under Mr.

Stewart, and has imbibed not a little of that gentleman's care and assiduity. The *Aberdeen Free Press* says:—Mr. Stewart, who is a graduate of Aberdeen University, went to Hongkong about seventeen years ago as head master of the Government Central School. The institution was then in its infancy, but under Mr. Stewart's superintendence it has developed till it is now attended by some 500 or 400 pupils of different nationalities, and large numbers are annually turned away for want of accommodation. In these schools the natives are not only taught their own language, but receive a thoroughly sound English education as well; and large numbers leave every year to occupy important and responsible situations in connection with the Chinese Government. The training they receive makes them most valuable assistants to the authorities at Peking; and a small number of them are now becoming visible in the ranks of the Chinese army. It can be traced to the influence of the Hong Kong Central School. In fact, for many years a leaving process has been going on in the southern provinces of the Empire; and Sir Arthur Kennedy, the late Governor of Hongkong, on a notable public occasion, said that for this state of things credit was mainly due to Mr. Stewart and his labours. When the system of payment by results was introduced by the Government into the different schools in the Colony, Mr. Stewart was appointed inspector. In addition to the office he held in connection with the Central School; but some four years ago he was relieved from the active duties of the latter appointment. To Mr. Stewart's many friends in China the resolution of the Senate of Aberdeen University will be hailed with great satisfaction.

(L. and C. Express.)  
The subject of appointments to the China Squadron are gazetted:—Lieut. W. G. Carron to *Victor Emmanuel*; Staff Surgeon A. W. Whitley to *Egmont*; Assistant Paymasters J. M. Bruce to *Peppers*, C. Farwell to *Druid*, William E. E. Read to *Laguna* (in charge), John P. Pearce to *Montague* (when commissioned), William B. Doudgill to *Moorehead* (when commissioned). Commander Adolphus F. St. Clair has been appointed to H.M.S. *Fly*, of the China station, vice Malcolm M'Donald superseded at his own request.

Navigating Sub-Lieutenants A. S. Mills, H. J. Means, F. S. Wheeler and Sidney Hughes (1873) have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenants. Staff Surgeon Henry N. M. Sedgwick (1869) has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon. Assistant Paymaster R. J. M. Macleod (1865) to the rank of paymaster. Commander William Horwath has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of retired captain. Navigating Lieutenant James Edmund Coglan has been promoted to the rank of staff commander.

We understand that during the last few days His Excellency Ching How, the Chinese Ambassador in St. Petersburg, has been in frequent communication with Mr. de Giers, of the Russian Foreign Office, respecting the Chinese question, and that the negotiations between the two countries are now making satisfactory progress. As the demand of the Chinese Envoy the Emperor has to grasp to General Kauffman to secure the return of Khaim Khan, and has promised that the authorities in Peking shall be instructed to do their utmost to prevent any further invasion of Kaashgar by the Russian Muscovites.

There has been some mention as to the rumours affecting firms in the China trade, and no actual suspensions have been announced this week. The continued fall, however, in Bank shares indicates the views entertained as to their business in the past half-year. Oriental ran down at one time to 22½, or 23½ discount; Chartered Mercantile 220, or 25 discount; India, Australia, and China 217, or 23 discount; Agri Bank 210, par; Hongkong Bank 230, 22 prem. That these banks have sustained a part of the two millions estimated to be lost on the ten operations of this season there is no doubt, but the amounts so lost will certainly not much exceed the ordinary strain on the debit side of their profit and loss sheets. The fall in the share to the extent we have recorded is simply an unreasonable speculation. With regard to the Oriental, which seemed to have had the worst attack, it should be remembered that it is not an unlimited institution. We congratulate the directors of the Agri Bank and Hongkong Bank in leading the way in the issue of their reports and declaring their usual dividends. We venture to say that the other banks will follow in a few weeks with statements not very far short of these.

The *Lydia*, a high-class screw steamer of 1,450 tons m-surement, built to the order of the German Steamship Company, of Hamburg, for their China trade, has been launched at Govan by Messrs Doble and Co. The machinery is being supplied by Messrs James Howden and Co., engineers, Glasgow, who have supplied the machinery for the sister ship *Electra*, launched by the same builders in January last.

Mr. Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, returns to Peking by the next French mail, but we understand is not likely to remain long. The question of his successor will be one of great importance to the Chinese Government.

Police Intelligence.

Mr. Creagh had his hands full to-day, the docks in both Courts being crowded with evil-doers. There were a great number of men charged with being out without licence or papers, and others for having without a licence.

George Briggs, engineer, British steamer *Florida Castle*, was fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 40 cents chair-hire for being found drunk in a chair. Jacob Atkins, stoker H.M.S. *Vigilant*, was fined 30, and ordered to pay 10 shillings for being drunk and riotous, and damaging two chairs. Joseph Calkins, marine, U.S.S. *Albatross*, was fined 50 cents for drunkenness. Chan Yun Tsung, apprentice to the priest-hood, and Wong Ahai, a cook, were charged with the first with stealing, and the latter with receiving and pawning a quantity of clothing the property of one Chan Chin Tsun, a faust-priest. Defendants were aged 17 and 19 respectively, and the first was complainant's son. They were school-mates together, and the elder one had induced the other to rob his father, saying that he could pawn the articles stolen and redeem them again in a short time. His Worship sentenced the first defendant to six weeks and the second to four months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement in each case, and the rest with hard labour.

Young Ah and two others were charged

with stealing a gold ring, a watch, an umbrella, and a jacket, the property of A. Afat, a telegraph coolie at West Point. The theft was connected with a gambling transaction. Mr. Creagh ordered each of the defendants and the complainant to find security in 25 to be of good behaviour for three months.

A gambling house, at Wanchai Road was entered on Saturday night by Inspector Matheson, and a party of police. Twenty-one men, and a woman were arrested, the men being in the full swing of business at the time.

## NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Gwalior*, Captain Baboi, arrived here early on Sunday morning with the English mails of March 14th.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times.)

London, April 8.—The relieving force for Elkon starts on 28th March, the majority of the reinforcements having arrived.

London, April 8.—The Khedive has dismissed Mr. Rivers Wilson, who however refused to resign his position.

A new Ministry has been formed under the presidency of Cherif Pasha exclusively composed of natives.

(From Indian Papers.)

Kurrachee, March 22.—There is great excitement at Lush Peyle in consequence of the son of the Jan having massacred one man and five women, the motive being jealousy.

Kamshar Thro Abdul Rahman, March 23.—Saidars from all about Herat have been gathered together as quickly as possible. Eyob Khan has killed the Sipah Silah Nazir Hussain Ali, whom he and Yakob Khan sent to summon Meer Usul Khan; the latter in his alarm has everything ready for flight. There are no troops at Fuzar, though the Mir Mahomed, the commander of the cavalry at Kandahar, has also been killed. Anarchy prevails in Ghishik and the country about. At Herat there are fifteen foot regiments numbering 600 men each. There are also twenty-two mortars, four howitzers, eleven big guns, 24-pounders and eighteen-pounders. Besides these there are 39 others, six of which are mountain guns, and large numbers of irregular cavalry are there. Only four thousand regular troops are stationed at Mousulgan, eight miles from Herat. Publicly the troops and Saidars beat tremendously. But no opposition is likely, as the inhabitants openly state they will give up the city on the first appearance of the English. Unless the Saidars and troops were of the same way of thinking, the inhabitants would not dare to speak so openly. There are plenty of munitions at Herat. Here at Kandahar the weather is fine. There are no changes with reference to the troops. All is quiet, and the people are still in great expectation as to the intentions of the English.

Rangoon, March 25.—The 43rd Regiment left for the front on Thursday and the 59th on Sunday. Two batteries of Artillery and three native Regiments have also gone to the front. The staff leaves to-day. The troops are enthusiastic. Another native regiment and a company of native sappers are expected from Madras. The 54th garrison Rangoon. All the guards at Rangoon are now doubled as a precaution against disturbances.

Akyah, March 26.—On Saturday forenoon a disastrous fire destroyed the native town of Akyah, rendering thousands homeless, and consuming property valued at half a million sterling. This morning I visited the town and found a space three-quarters of a mile long by half a mile broad, which was formerly densely covered by houses, now utterly bare of sight but charred debris. Men, women, and children were searching among the rubbish for jewellery or any article of value, but with little success. The people on the whole however, appeared to treat the disaster comparatively lightly. The first originated by an old woman who was frying fat leaving a child in charge of the spot, which fell and set the house on fire. In ten minutes the whole town of the forenoon was in a blaze. The Edropaner quarters was saved by the wind changing. Cholera has appeared here, but at present is only slight.

London, March 28.—The Chartered Bank says 2 per cent for the half year and carries forward 23,000.

Lahore, March 30.—Major Sandeman telegraphs that on arriving on the 24th at Bagban he heard from friendly Malika that the Thob Boree Malika, headed by Shah Jehan, was advancing on our camp with an army bent on fighting. Similar intelligence was communicated by videttes. A column, under Major Keen, immediately prepared for action. The attacking force advanced in battle array on our troops, and were met by a combined movement by all three arms. In ten minutes they were utterly defeated and routed. The enemy numbered 1,000 fighting men. Shah Jehan and other Malika personally commanded. In retreating they lost 140 killed and many wounded 20 prisoners were taken. Our losses were two sepoy of the 1st Punjab Infantry killed, Major Chapman of the 8th Bengal Cavalry a sword cut, and five wounded. Our troops were skillfully handled by Major Keen. Great gallantry was displayed by the 1st Punjab Infantry, who first attacked, and then pursued the flying enemy for three hours over high hills. The Thob Boree people are a different tribe from the Bighan Malika, who are Durans and outcasted our aid against the Boree people.

London, March 28.—Oriental Bank.....shares... 220. Mercantile Bank.....do 217. Chartered Bank.....do 218 10. H'kong & Shanghai Bank do 227 10.

London, March 31.—Oriental Bank.....shares... 219. Mercantile Bank.....do 218. Chartered Bank.....do 218 10. H'kong & Shanghai Bank do 227 10.

Lahore, March 31.—A small force under Major Humphreys, with Doctor Duke on special police duty, was recently dispatched to the Muzkhi, through Shorawak and Shorode, two outlying districts of the Pishchee collatorate, to purchase camels and supplies for the Candahar and Pishchee forces. On the 27th this force was attacked near Shorawak by a number of Barcheli Afghans variously estimated at from 800 to 9,000. The enemy were defeated, and suffered in his order leaving 80 men dead on the ground; 25, who were wounded, were taken prisoners. The casualties on the side were four men of the 1st Punjab Infantry wounded; some killed. The troops

behaved splendidly. Since the fight five Malika have given themselves up. Two Malika were killed and one wounded, and the Barcheli force completely dispersed.

Lahore, April 1.—Major Sandeman reached Thull on the 27th March. News from Kandahar of the 21st states that a party of camel men returning with forage to the camp under the escort of two sappers was waylaid by eighteen armed robbers 4 miles from Kandahar. The sappers behaved well, killing two and wounding one, and driving off the enemy. One sapper and two camel men were wounded. In consequence of rumours of threatened attacks by some of the unfriendly tribes of the villages in the Jellalabad and Laghman districts, Major Gough, with four squadrons, four guns and 1,000 infantry, has gone to Fattahabad and Major Macpherson, with two squadrons, a mountain battery and 1,200 infantry, to Chaghar.

Bombay, April 2.—The press publishes the news of a probable increase of the silver coinage absorbing 1500,000.

London, April 2.—Oriental Bank shares... 220. Mercantile Bank.....do 217. Chartered Bank.....do 218 10. H'kong & Shanghai Bank do 227 10.

Lahore, April 1.—From Jolalabad it is reported that a squadron of the 10th Hussars, following a squadron of the 11th Bengal Lancers across a river, missed the ford and were carried off by the current. One officer, Lieutenant Harford, and forty men are missing. Sixteen bodies have been recovered. The Bengal Lancers, who were leading, crossed all right. The accident occurred at about ten o'clock on the night of the 31st ult. Details have not yet been received.

Madras, April 3.—A Rangoon paper says that the ultimatum to be despatched to the King of Burmah will contain the following conditions:—A British garrison is to be stationed at Mandalay, and paid by the Burmese Government. The British residence is to be fortified. Nothing important is to be done by the Burmese Government unless with the sanction previously obtained of the Resident, who is to have free admittance to interviews with the King in a manner becoming the dignity of Her Majesty's representative. A proper and enlightened system of Administration, Fiscal and Judicial, is to be introduced into Upper Burmah, and faithfully carried out by the King's Government. All expenses attending the carrying out of these measures are to be borne by the Burmese Government. All existing treaties with foreign courts must be cancelled, and the King must enter into no similar arrangements nor entertain any foreigner in his service without the sanction of the British Government.

## Singapore.

(Straits Times.)

We understand the Home Government have under consideration the necessity of appointing a third Magistrate for this Colony. Should such an appointment be created, it is to be hoped the Colonial Office will not for once exercise the privilege which it arrogates to itself of naming some outsider, of no local experience and ignorant of the Malay language, to fill the post. There are several officials here whose intimate knowledge of the natives and experience in the Colony are good recommendations for the Magisterial Bench. Mr. Gousins, for instance, is a very energetic official and has on many occasions fulfilled magisterial duties creditably. Mr. Kynmenley, too, is entitled to consideration, and Dr. Dennis has lately given satisfaction as Magistrate while the *vacant* tenets of Mr. O'Connor during that gentleman's short absence on leave. Mr. Hill has been well qualified otherwise, but he has scarcely had sufficient experience to adjudicate upon the important cases which are being daily investigated in our Courts. With those we have named, and others here to choose from it would be unfair of the Colonial Office to nominate a complete stranger to the post, thus causing great injustice to deserving officials in the Colony.

The German man-of-war *Luisa*, which arrived from Calcutta yesterday, and exchanged salutes with Fort Canning this morning, is on her way to China and Japan, where she will be stationed for some time, visiting all the ports of the two countries. She started from Wilhelmshaven in the early part of January, and is, we believe, the first German man-of-war that has visited India ports, having been to both Bombay and Calcutta on her way out. She is a wooden vessel, built at Danzig in 1875, and is commanded by Captain Scheringer. She served in the war with Austria in 1866. The length of the vessel is 320 feet, breadth 30, with a tonnage of 1,700 and an indicated horse-power of 2,100. She is barque-rigged, and carries eight Knupp guns, besides a torpedo gun placed under the poop over which the jib runs. The latter gun is to all appearance a large tube, about ten feet long and three in circumference throughout; while just in rear of it is a iron case, secured down by chains, in which is placed six Whitehead torpedoes. There is a stand of arms around the fore and main masts, under deck, with a total of two hundred soldiers on board. At the fore is the sick room; and the officers' quarters are right aft, under deck, with the captain's cabin above. Seven boats are attached to the vessel, one of them being a steam-launch; the officers in all number ten, subordinate officers eight, and the crew 215. There is also a brass band on board. The *Luisa* is named after the mother of the Emperor of Germany, Queen Luisa, of historical fame for her patriotism in the dark days for Prussia of Napoleon, and for the harsh treatment she received at his hands.

The report of the *Salore* Home for the last year shows that the number of *Salore* families who availed themselves of the opportunities thus offered to them has continued to increase. In 1877 there were 814 men admitted, and during 1878 the number was 830, which is also largely in excess of the years preceding 1877. It is financially prosperous, and its enlarged and improved accommodation has been fully appreciated by officers and men.

We regret to record the very serious illness of the Hon'ble Captain Shaw, Lieut-Governor of Malacca, which accompanied the return here of the S. S. *Pyah Pekhet* on Thursday morning last, when on her usual trip to Penang. Captain Shaw was so glad to say, is somewhat better since his arrival here, but his state of health is such as to make it necessary for him to go home on leave. It has transpired that the proposed Siamese Embassy to England for the purpose of presenting Her Majesty the Queen with the highest Siamese Order has been postponed indefinitely. The new taxes in Japan continue to excite much bitterness of feeling and opposition.

It is rumoured that the Governor General feels the unpopular position in which he has been placed by the Home Government so keenly that he has resigned or intends to do so.

## COMMERCIAL.

April 21. Though there has been but a short interval since the dispatch of last mail, a large advance has been done in Bengal opium at advancing rates. The report of an increased *de-kim* tax in the southern ports naturally induced business to lay in stocks previously, and the result has been that the native dealers have taken off the importers' hands a very large portion of the last-noted stocks. The present quotations are given at \$67½ for Patna, and \$54½ for Benares.

Without any addition to the last-noted receipts, 3,681 chests, the importation for the month, so far, stands at that, against 3,592 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice, some 1,900 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 600 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 900 chests, against 3,250 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 550 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 250 chests.

MESSRS. HAINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Tuesday, 22nd April, says:—

Owing to the alteration in the date of departure of the mail, a shorter interval than usual has elapsed since the issue of last Circular, during which the market has changed very little.

Homewards, a very limited business has been transacted, owing to the scarcity of suitable tonnage. For London and New York two settlements have taken place at low rates, and from Philippines only one charter has been effected to the United Kingdom on private terms, but the rate is reported to be 82½ per ton Sugar, and 42½ per ton Hemp.

Outwards, the demand for steamers from Saigon to this port has continued, and rates have remained firm. For the Northern ports a good inquiry for small vessels continues, and freights, in consequence of the absence of suitable tonnage, are maintained. The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 13 vessels, registering 5,520 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—American ship *Prima Donna*, 1450, to London, private.

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British barque *Phaeton*, 576, to Calcutta, £1,400 in full, 35 days.

British barque *Gertrude*, 488, to Calcutta, private.

American ship *Edith*, 1178, to San Francisco, private.

German barque *Flensburg*, 355, to Takao to Yokohama, 26 cents per picul, and from Newchwang to Hongkong, 24 cents per picul.

German barque *Jacobine*, 417, to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 80 cents per picul, 30 days.

German barque *Emil Julius*, 501, to Chefoo and back, 25 cents per picul, 30 days.

Italian barque *Emilio V.*, 784, to Manila, \$27½ in full, 11 days.

British steamer *Flintshire*, 1286, to Saigon to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 12 days.

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British steamer *Maharajah*, 994, to Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul, 12 days.

German steamer *Cassandra*, 938, Saigon to Hongkong (recharter), 21 cents per picul, 12 days.

British steamer *Scotland*, 1190, to Saigon and back, 25 cents per picul.

German steamer *Hesperia*, 840, Swatow to Singapore (passengers), \$375 per head, 11 days.

German steamer *Atalanta*, 782, Monthly Charter, 4 to 6 months, private.

German steamer *Olympia*, 783, Monthly Charter, 3 to 6 months, \$3,500 per month.

Quotations, April 21, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash...\$57½.

" Old " cash... 54½.

" New Benares, cash... 54½.

" Old " cash... 54½.

" New Malwa, credit... 785.

" Allowance Teels... 785.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1879. 174

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 3, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

## TO LET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS.  
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—  
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Praya East, with immediate possession.

## As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

## Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.  
For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.  
Apply to TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.  
Apply to WO HANG,  
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## Mails.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship KHIVA, Captain G. LEE, will leave this on TUESDAY, the 22nd April, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MEYER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, April 12, 1879. ap22

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, May 3rd, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd May. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.  
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

B. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1879. my3

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, April 20th, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of April. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

## Insurance.

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have this Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.  
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

## Insurance.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant insurances at current rates.

MELOHRS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.) NOTICE. POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

LANGSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE.) CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore K, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>						
Afghan	Brit. str.	1439	April 18	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Amoy, &c.	23rd inst.
Albat	Brit. str.	356	April 18	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Hoihow & Halphong	To-morrow
Atlanta	Brit. str.	782	April 18	Midway & Co.		
Bombay	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 17	Kwok Achong		
Braemar Castle	Brit. str.	1435	April 17	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Saloon	To-morrow
Cassandra	Brit. str.	937	April 17	Siemssen & Co.	Amoy	Sand's Slip
Cheong Hock Kian	Brit. str.	888	Mar. 14	Bun Hin Chan	Yokohama	To-day
China	Brit. str.	627	April 20	Remedios & Co.	Manila	25th inst.
Crusader	Brit. str.	222	April 19	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-day
Emmy	Span. str.	117	.....	B. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Flying
Fame	Brit. str.	1115	April 17	Siemssen & Co.		
Feonula	Brit. str.	1022	April 17	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Saloon	at daylight
Flours Castle	Brit. str.	1236	April 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Flintshire	Brit. str.	1400	April 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Gleniffer	Brit. str.	1719	April 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow
Gwallor	Brit. str.	1506	April 19	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Khiva	Brit. str.	312	April 18	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Leyte	Brit. str.	1015	April 18	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama	at daylight
Loudoun Castle	Brit. str.	1709	April 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	at daylight
Malacca	Brit. str.	425	Mar. 27	Remedios & Co.	Manila	24th inst.
Malvelos	Brit. str.	181	April 18	Siemssen & Co.	Manila	24th inst.
Mei-lin	Brit. str.	862	April 18	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Hoihow & Halphong	To-morrow
Namoa	Brit. str.	3707	April 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Coast Ports	23rd daylight
Oceanic	Brit. str.	893	April 18	Yuen Fat Hong	Yokohama & S. Felao	8rd prox.
Rajasthanhar	Brit. str.	1691	April 18	Butterfield & Swire	Bangkok	25th inst.
Sargodon	Brit. str.	45	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.	London, &c.	To-day
Sea Gull	Amer. str.	814	Mar. 24	O. M. S. N. Co.		
Tung Ting	Brit. str.	265	April 15	Landstain & Co.	Halphong	23rd daylight
Wachi	Brit. str.	782	April 21	Siemssen & Co.	Canton	To-day
Yangtze	Brit. str.	1	.....	Russell & Co.		
Zephyr	Brit. str.	1	.....			
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>						
Abbey Cowper	Brit. bqe.	699	April 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	
Abbie N. Franklin	Amer. bqe.	480	Mar. 24	Captain		
Alexa	Brit. bqe.	424	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Annie	Brit. bqe.	845	April 19	Malchors & Co.	San Francisco	put back
Charmet	Amer. bqe.	1393	Jan. 9	Russell & Co.	Kobe	
Cosman	Amer. bqe.	144	April 11	W. H. Ray		
Edward May	Amer. bqe.	724	Mar. 28	Vogel & Co.	Manila	
Emilio V.	Brit. bqe.	601	Mar. 19	Melchers & Co.	Manila	
Emil Julius	Brit. bqe.	865	April 13	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Manila	
Flensborg	Brit. bqe.	448	April 18	Siemssen & Co.	Manila	
Friedrich Perthes	Brit. bqe.	483	April 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Manila	
Gertrude	Brit. bqe.	402	April 18	Wielor & Co.	Manila	
Golden Breeze	Brit. bqe.	893	Mar. 10	Gilman & Co.	Burrow's Inlet	Waichai Pier
Golden Rule	Amer. sh.	1195	Mar. 7	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Haze	Amer. sh.	862	April 13	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Highlander	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.		
Johann Friedrich	Brit. bqe.	242	April 12	Wielor & Co.	Tientsin	
Malvin	Amer. sh.	470	April 18	Wielor & Co.		
Memnon	Amer. sh.	860	April 12	Melchers & Co.	San Francisco	
Penobscot	Amer. sh.	1133	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire	San Francisco	
Onida	Brit. bqe.	385	Mar. 21	See R. Stevens & Co.		
Orange Grove	Brit. bqe.	842	April 20	Carlowitz & Co.		
Phoson	Brit. bqe.	576	April 10	Wielor & Co.	London	
Prima Donna	Amer. sh.	1450	April 18	Vogel & Co.		
Queen of India	Brit. bqe.	880	April 10	Wielor & Co.	Honolulu	
Republic	Amer. sh.	1381	Mar. 29	Russell & Co.		
Rosabud	Brit. bqe.	341	April 20	Order		
Rossini	Brit. bqe.	1003	April 20	Messageries Maritimes		
Stracathro	Brit. bqe.	1159	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.	London	
Sumatra	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.		
Talies	Brit. bqe.	255	April 20	Edward Schellhaas & Co.		
Thos. A. Goddard	Amer. bqe.	682	Jan. 9	Russell & Co.	New York	
Thomas Fletcher	Amer. bqe.	645	Feb. 23	Captain	Victoria (V. I.)	
W. H. Holcomb	Amer. bqe.	658	Mar. 28	Rosario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	Coast Dock
<b>WEAMPOA</b>						
Taiwan	Brit. bqe.	373	April 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Victory	Brit. bqe.	255	April 15	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Tientsin	
<b>CANTON</b>						
Chinkiang	Brit. str.	708	April 21	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

## Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor-ages.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashuelot	6 h	U. S.	corvette	1370	6	700	Feb. 12	Geo. H. Perkins
Fel Hoo	6 h	Chinese	revenue cruiser	584	4	120	April 19	Cooker
Fly	6 h	British	gun vessel	1680	8	700	Dec. 21	McNeil
Frolic	6 h	German	corvette	592	4	100	April 9	Von Nothitz
Lily	6 h	British	gun vessel	700	3	95	April 7	Stuart N. Rickman
Magpie	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	April 9	B. E. Cochrane
Mecanee	6 h	British	military hospital	2501	.....	50	Jan. 30	La-Com. G. A. Grey
Mosquito	6 h	British	gunboat	9087	20	.....	.....	Commodore Watson
Victor Emmanuel	6 h	British	Commodore's flag-ship	855	2	250	April 13	William M. Amesley
Vigilant	6 h	British	despatch vessel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## HONGKONG, MACAO